

IN HONOR OF DIANNA RUSKOWSKY
AND HER 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND
THE WORKFORCE

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2013

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dianna Ruskowsky for her 25 years of dedicated service to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce—and the American people.

In a career spanning the terms of seven Committee Chairmen, Dianna Ruskowsky has distinguished herself as an exemplary steward of Committee resources and a true expert of her craft. She is routinely sought out for guidance and assistance from her colleagues on both sides of the aisle—from fellow Committees to House Leadership offices.

Dianna's contributions take place behind the scenes, but her work does not go unnoticed. Her guidance and advice ensures everyone from our interns to our Staff Director has the knowledge they need to make wise decisions and adhere to the letter of the law.

Dianna's attention to detail and dedication to the successful operation of the Committee are without equal. The American people can rest assured every penny of their tax dollars that flows through the Committee is accounted for and invested in the most efficient manner.

Perhaps even more admirable is Dianna's own investment in the lives of the many young staffers she has taken under her wing over the years. Dianna routinely goes out of her way to help new staff members feel welcome and at home in our Committee family.

Our Committee could—quite literally—not run without Dianna's service, and we continue to be grateful for all she does.

ACKNOWLEDGING DR. CHERYL
DOMENICHELLI

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate John C. Kimball High School Principal Dr. Cheryl Domenichelli, upon being named the Association of California School Administrators' 2012 Secondary Principal of the Year. This award is a tribute to Dr. Domenichelli's professional accomplishments in the field of education, especially since the recognition is from her peers.

Dr. Cheryl Alexander Domenichelli was born on September 26 in San Francisco, California. She obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interior Design, from John F. Kennedy University in Orinda, California. She continued her education by earning her Teaching Credential with and emphasis in Art and Introductory Science and Secondary Education and Teaching at California State University, East Bay and a Masters of Education, Educational Leadership and Administration at Saint Mary's College of California. Finally, she completed her education with a Doctorate in Education, Educational Leadership at the University of California Berkeley.

Dr. Domenichelli started her first job in 1978 at GTE Lenkurt in San Carlos, California. She began her teaching career in 1995 as a Teacher of Art and Sciences at Deer Valley High School in Antioch, California. She was a teacher until 2003, when she was named as Vice Principal. In 2008, she accepted the position of Principal at John C. Kimball High School in Tracy, California, where she continues today.

Dr. Domenichelli has received numerous awards, including the Association of California School Administrators/State of California High School Principal of the Year 2012, the 2001–2002 Internet Institute Award from the National Semiconductor Corporation, and the 1994 Parent Teacher Association/Honorary Service Award.

She is a proud member of the Association of California School Administrators, where she is a Regional Representative to the Equity, Achievement and Diversity for Success Committee. Dr. Domenichelli's memberships also include the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Phi Delta Kappa International, Contra Costa County Chapter 1072.

In addition, she has served her community as a member of the following organizations: Parent Teacher Student Association/Principal; University of the Pacific, Beyond our Gates Advisory Board; Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated/Lifetime Associate; and Parent Teachers Association/Ways and Means Committee Chair 1994.

Cheryl has been married to her husband of 29 years, Ronald Domenichelli and they have two beautiful daughters Angelica Dominique Domenichelli and Vanessa Marie Domenichelli.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Cheryl Domenichelli upon receiving the 2012 Secondary Principal of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators. This is an outstanding honor and one for which the community should be quite proud.

HONORING JERRY AND ANN
KIVETT

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute a remarkable Hoosier, Jerry Kivett. Jerry is a true leader in his community and the Hoosier state. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for his leadership and service to his country, his community, and the State of Indiana.

Jerry grew up on the family farm owned by his parents, Hugh C. and Martha Kivett, in Hall, Indiana. Jerry attended Martinsville High School and graduated in 1948. He participated in sports and today is still a sports enthusiast. Jerry worked the family farm with his brother, Jack, and father, Hugh, during much of his younger years and was a natural farmer as many generations of Kivetts were farmers.

It was during a youth event in the basement of the Mt. Pleasant Christian Church in Hall that his eyes met those of Mary Ward of Monrovia. It was love at first sight and today this love has lasted 65 years. Jerry and Mary bought a farm of their own in Hall and have

resided over it for over sixty years. They still attend Mt. Pleasant Church and are the fifth or sixth generation of Kivetts to do so.

To this union were born Steve, who is a vicar for the Church of England, and has resided in England with his wife, Ann, for nearly 40 years. Jerry's son, Rick, resides in Martinsville with his wife, Vickie, and they both work in their county government. Jerry's daughter, Jill Kivett, resides in Rensselaer and is a teacher at North Newton High School. Jerry's son, Monte, resides in Camby with his wife, Lisa, and was Chief Deputy Prosecutor for Morgan County. Life has continued to bless Jerry and Mary Kivett with seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Jerry worked at the IBM in Greencastle and worked nights in order to either coach or attend his children's sporting events, rarely missing any of them. Mary spent over twenty years in the Morgan County Clerk's Office. They have done some traveling to England and stateside over the years and still enjoy vacationing. They are members of the Hall Civic Association and are lifelong Republicans. As parents and grandparents they have been excellent role models in family values. They have shared years of watching sports on all levels together and can quote you names, teams, statistics, and even have long ago forgotten.

HONORING JIM MCCASLAND

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jim McCasland, recipient of the 2013 Heroes of Labor Award by Dallas American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO). Mr. McCasland recently retired as the Executive Secretary of the Dallas AFL–CIO, but his contributions to the Dallas labor community will forever stand proud. During his career which spanned over four decades, Mr. McCasland was widely recognized for his steadfast commitment to many Dallas area and national organizations.

Mr. McCasland has been a member of Communications Workers of America since 1969, where he was both a job steward and a chief steward. He also served on the community services committee, public relations committee, and the legislative committee. Mr. McCasland joined the Central Labor Council (CLC) in 1981 and was elected to be the CLC Vice President in 1983. He also proudly served as the Picket Chairman on two occasions. In 1984, Mr. McCasland was elected the State AFL–CIO Vice President from District 7.

Mr. McCasland was also active in the Dallas County Democratic Party serving on multiple committees on different occasions. In 1992, Mr. McCasland was on Bill Clinton's Dallas County steering committee and was previously on the steering committees for Michael Dukakis and Mark White. He also served as a delegate to numerous precinct conventions and State Democratic conventions.

Mr. McCasland served on the Board of Directors for both the United Way and the Dallas County Red Cross. In 1987 Mr. McCasland

was the Labor Chair of the Muscular Dystrophy campaign. Mr. McCasland's leadership and dedication to the community have made an impact on the Dallas area and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. McCasland deserves great recognition for his service to our community, as he is a true hero of labor.

CELEBRATING LABOR LEADER
LEROY KING'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished San Francisco labor leader, a civil rights activist, and my dear friend, Leroy King, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.

Committed to the principles of equality and justice for all people, King has been a fierce advocate for San Franciscans through his union, through city and state government, and through church and community groups. Today, I am proud to honor his decades of work to

achieve social justice and a better life for working families in San Francisco.

King served as Northern Regional Director of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) for more than 30 years. He became a member of ILWU Local 6 in 1946 and later led a coalition of members to overturn a discriminatory system that elected only whites to union office. He dedicated years to helping create a fully inclusive, integrated workforce.

King's fire and passion for action in support of his beliefs has never dimmed. While in his 80s, he was arrested for staging an act of civil disobedience with hotel and restaurant workers who were fighting to improve working conditions. He also joined San Francisco teachers and education support professionals when they occupied the offices of the City's Board of Education to dramatize the unmet needs of students.

King was instrumental in the union's creation of the St. Francis Square Cooperative Housing development, which opened in 1963 in the Fillmore District and was a national model for creating racially-integrated housing for working families. King and his family moved into St. Francis Square when it opened, and he continues to live there today.

A staunch supporter of civil rights champion Cesar Chavez, King is often credited for bringing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the Bay area for a civil rights rally in 1967. In 2009, the National Education Association honored King with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award for promoting peace and advancing social and economic justice by embodying King's inclusive leadership and nonviolent philosophy.

As a long-time civic and public affairs leader, Mr. King served on the San Francisco Redevelopment Commission for over 30 years. As Commissioner, he fought to preserve the African-American and Japanese-American heritage of the Fillmore District.

With great pride, I designated him as my appointee to California's Electoral College. On December 15, 2008, he cast my official vote for Barack Obama as the first African American President of the United States.

From his courageous service in World War II to his extraordinary dedication to the City of San Francisco and the State of California, Leroy King is peerless leader will always be a strong and unwavering voice for the voiceless.